



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 076/US/PCT/US  
00537/183002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
**SHALABY WAHBA SHALABY ET AL.** :

EXAMINER: **MITCHELL, GREGORY W.**  
ART UNIT: **1617**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/762,431**

FILED: **May 22, 2001**

FOR: **PHOSPHORYLATED POLYMERS AND  
CONJUGATES THEREOF**  
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Sir:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed on November  
29, 2004, the period for response having been extended so  
as to expire on May 31, 2005 pursuant to Applicants'  
Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this  
Reply, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

The present amendments follow the revised amendment  
practice mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.121, effective July 30,  
2003.